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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MARR, RP

SUBJECT: LORAN A

REFS: (A) MANILA 15170, DEC 74; (B) MANILA 0794, JAN 75.

1. RE PARA 5, REFTEL A, FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DOD REQUIREMENT FOR FIVE PHILIPPINE LORAN STATIONS HAS BEEN SUPPLIED BY DOD:

2. QUOTE: THE TWO PHILIPPINE ISLANDS LORAN-A CHAINS CONSISTING OF FIVE LORAN-A TRANSMITTER STATIONS (1L6/1L7 AND 2H3/2H4) ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA AREA, AS WELL AS BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH TRANSIT THIS AREA IN PERFORMANCE OF THE FOLLOWING TYPE MISSIONS: TACTICAL AIRLIFT SUPPORT; AIR REFUELING; STORM AND WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE; SEARCH AND RESCUE; ATMOSPHERE AND IONOSPHERIC SAMPLING; AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION; LOGISTIC SUPPORT; COMMAND INSPECTIONS AND ASSISTANCE VISITS; AIRBORNE RADAR SURVEILLANCE AND TACTICAL CONTROL; ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE (ASW) PATROLS AND TRAINING.

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THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ABOVE LORAN-A

COVERAGE IS UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977 OR 2 YEARS AFTER

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DECLARE THE OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM (OR SOME SUITABLE WORLDWIDE NAVIGATION SYSTEM) TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN THESE AREAS, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER.

THE OVERALL OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF LOSING LORAN-A SERVICE PRIOR TO PROVIDING THE AIRCRAFT WITH A REPLACEMENT IS TWOFOLD. FIRST, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO POSITION THEMSELVES WITHIN SPECIFIED TOLERANCES IN ORDER TO PERFORM ASSIGNED MISSIONS. SECOND, AND OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE WITH CERTAINTY IN A SPECIFIED AIR CORRIDOR. NAVIGATION ACCURACY WOULD, FOR THE MOST PART, DEPEND ON DEAD RECKONING AND CELESTIAL NAVIGATION WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO GROSS DEGRADATION BY UNPREDICTABLE WINDS, WEATHER, AND TIME OF DAY.

IN GENERAL, CLOSING THE PHILIPPINE LORAN-A CHAINS WOULD DRASTICALLY REDUCE NAVIGATION COVERAGE IN THE PHILIPPINE AND SOUTH CHINA SEAS. ALSO, UNTIL OMEGA CAN REPLACE THE EXISTING LORAN-A IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD, THE ASW EFFORTS WOULD BE GREATLY DEGRADED DUE TO LACK OF POSITION FIXING CAPABILITY.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PACIFIC AND SUBORDINATE COMMANDS, REVALIDATED THE ABOVE MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TWO EXISTING PHILIPPINE ISLANDS LORAN-A CHAINS ON 24 DECEMBER 1974. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT COMMENT AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REFTEL B TO BE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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